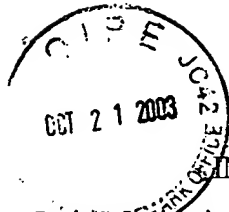


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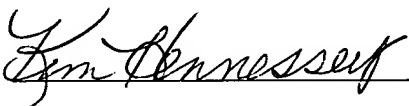
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed August 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

The two-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due October 21, 2003, therefore, this response is considered to be filed timely.